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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4517

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1. UNITA FORCES HAVE REPORTEDLY TAKEN CONTROL OF THE ANGOLAN BORDER CROSSING POINT NEAR THE RUACANA FALLS ON THE NAMIBIA-ANGOLA BORDER. MARCH 27 CAPE TIMES REPORTS THAT UNITA HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF POST SINCE MARCH 21. SOME TRAFFIC HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER ANGOLA FROM NAMIBIA SINCE THAT TIME. HOWEVER, LITTLE, AND SINCE MARCH 25 NO,MOVEMENT IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION HAS BEEN PERMITTED BY UNITA. PORTUGUESE BORDER GUARDS WHO HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF POST APPARENTLY FLED INTO NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE AT OSHIKANGO REPORT THE SITUATION AS 'QUIET'.

2. IN MID-MARCH TRIP TO AREA,EMBOFF HEARD REPORTS THAT ALL
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ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS HAD STEPPED UP ACTIVITY THERE IN

RECENT MONTHS. AT TIME OF TRIP,BORDER CONTROLS ON
ANGOLAN SIDE WERE RELATIVELY LAX, ESPECIALLY FOR THE MANY
SOUTH AFRICANS WORKING ON THE SAG/S RUACANA FALLS
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT,MUCH OF WHICH IS BEING BUILT WITHIN
ANGOLA(REFAIR).

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